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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

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Serial Number: 10/820,738

Group Art Unit: 1731

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Examiner: Fortuna, Jose A.

For: METHOD OF SEPARATING COLOURING AGENTS, PARTICULARLY
PRINTING INK, FROM RECYCLED MATERIAL**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 2, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 1, 2006, a Petition and fee for a one month Extension of Time being submitted herewith, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 9-22 are pending.¹

The 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 9-19 over U.S. Patent No. 6,202,946 to Virtanen is respectfully traversed. A feature of the claimed method of separating a colouring agent from recycled fibre material is pre-kneading of recycled fibre material in a separate step prior to introduction of the pre-kneaded recycled fibre material together with liquid and gas or a gas mixture into a double-action impact mill.

¹The Official Action states claims 9-19 are pending. It is believed this is a typographical error, and that the Office has examined all of the claims.